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and a switched network coupled to the plurality of primary storage devices and to the secondary storage device to permit one of the primary storage devices to access the secondary storage device through the switched network.

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19. (Thrice Amended) A method of transferring data from at least one of a plurality of primary storage elements to a secondary storage element, the method comprising steps of:
automatically establishing a first connection through a network from a first one of the primary storage elements to the secondary storage element to transfer a first logical object to the secondary storage element; and
transferring the first logical object from the first one of the primary storage elements directly to the secondary storage element over the first connection.

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21. (Amended) The method of claim 20, wherein the step of transferring the first logical object and the step of transferring the second logical object are performed in parallel.

22. (Amended) The method of claim 20, wherein the first logical object and the second logical object were created by heterogeneous operating systems.
